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Look Out for a Peace Drive.

It is unquestionably Germany's plan to make another stab for peace before Chirstmas,

The Italian drive is a prelude to the peace drive; the capture of Riga, the naval demonstration in the Gulf of Finland, were all designed to throw demoralization into the allied camp before the siren call of a peace lure was again put forth.

Germany's anxiety to lay down arms has been revealed all the more strikingly through her recent military moves. It is fairly safe now to postulate that she is not going to "win a decision" against Italy. She is not going to destroy the Italian armies, nor put Italy out of the war. That was the objective of Mackensen, stated in ultimate terms; and it is apparent now that he has failed. -

Likewise, Russia is going through a period of repair and rejuvenation; she has not "quit the war" and no one knows that better than the German general staff. The Prussians are powerless to change the menace that 1918 contains for them. They may batter the "iron ring" with the last ounce of strength at their command, and yet do no more than make a bad dent. They cannot break it. They cannot change the odds against them. They cannot halt the increasing power of their enemies, nor the ebbing power of their own

Peace is as imperative now for Germany as it was two months ago. "Peace with victory" is as far away as ever, unpalatable as that fact is to the masters of the empire. Their new peace proffer is likely to be the most liberal, the most seductive, of any they have yet made. It is likely to be cunningly designed to appeal to Italy and Russia, so as to draw them into negotiation for a peace on their own account. German propaganda in Italy was never busier in promoting the peace spirit than it is now.

In the United States, the Hearst publications may be depended upon to lend a discreet assistance to the German peace propaganda. Every enemy agency in the country will turn with redoubled vigor to the promotion of the peace drive when it comes. It is undoubtedly true that perhaps the most subtle effort of all will be that made to draw France away from her allies; but there is no question of the loyalty or heroic endurance of that fair land.

It is America's duty to spike a new peace drive as soon as it starts. Of all the belligerents, the United States can give it the most effective quietus. If our reply is in the least degree equivocal, receptive, or indecisive, the effect in Europe will be disastrous.

A Subway Needed.

Washington needs a subway.

There is nothing original in this assertion, for it has been put forward many times as a suggestion, but when heard it has generally been waved aside as the raving of some civic enthusiast.

But today the street car companies of the District cannot handle the traffic of the city, adequately, may clamor for more cars and better service, but the adding of cars is not going to solve the problem, especially in the busy hours of the day.

During the hours when the workers of the city are going to and from their places of employment on the principal routes of the town, we can find cars running as close as fifty feet apart. To put on more cars at such times would hinder rather than help the solving of the problem.

The population of the city has increased to such an extent that the same methods of handling the people are necessarily inadequate. By installing a couple of subway routes, however, a good bit of the difficulty would be eliminated

Another thing that should be borne in mind is the fact that it takes years to build a subway, and in that time the city traffic will become more congested than ever. Washington's growth will not stop with the end of the war. Following this conflict, the forces in every branch of the government here will be increased, and many of the positions which are now looked upon as temporary will become permanent,

It is time for the city to take hold and give some serious and constructive thought to the problem. We need a subway in Washington.

Petain Versus the Crown Prince.

The Hohenzollerns will soon have to find another scapegoat.

When things got so bad in the Reichstag it was necessary to throw Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg overboard and take in a dummy pilot by name of Michaelis. Now affairs on the Western front are going to pot for the Prussians and the worst of it, from the standpoint of the dynasty, is that most of the reverses to German arms are being suffered by the troops under

the general command of the crown prince. Not so very long ago Gen. Petain, in general command of the French armies, planned a brilliant stroke whereby the French recovered in a few days all the ground around Verdun which it had taken the Germans many weary months and countless thousands of troops to capture. Lately the crown prince has been concentrating his efforts upon the Chemin des Dames, the famous "Ladies' Road" which is one of the most im-

portant strategic points in the Aisne region. But in the past few days Petain's men have not only hurled the Prussians back in utter defeat, but have advanced their own positions and taken 12,000 prisoners.

From the standpoint of the ruling class of Prussia this will never do. Had the armies under the crown prince won brilliant victories, thanks to the genius of some subordinate general, the latter would have been forgotten and all the glory handed to the man who will some day be Emperor of Germany-provided the empire and the dynasty it that long. But as the armies of the Aisne have tasted the bitter cup of defeat instead of success, the Hohenzollerns will take good care that the patient Germans back home are not

allowed to believe their husbands and sons were sacrificed by the stupidity of the crown prince.

The scapegoat will be found somewhere in the list of generals under him. And the one selected for the sacrifice will be sent back home or retired or transferred with a great public flourish of trumpets.

Kings can do no wrong, was a maxim of the Dark Ages. It is a maxim generally dropped by civilized peoples. But it has not been dropped by the junker class of Prussia.

More Drastic Policy for the "Enemy Alien."

The government is not going to stop with halfmeasures. It is going to stamp out treasonable practices and tendencies and enemy intrigue. There is to be no further dalliance with the alien who presumes upon the easy-goingness of the American people.

That is the correct policy. The innocent among the "enemy aliens" should have no difficulty in proving their innocence. The guilty should be given short shrifts. Even more rigorous should be the treatment meted out to those who, professing American citizenship, are in reality agents of a foreign government. Some of these even now do not hesitate to block and retard the progress of war measures in every way within their power.

Doubtless the policy of interning all "enemy aliens' will have to be accepted, ultimately. We doubt if Attorney General Gregory is contemplating such a step for the immediate future. We doubt if American public opinion is prepared for such a step as this now. But if the government believes it either necessary or justified by the evidence now in its possession, there will be no protest from the substantial citizenship of

Here Is Where You May Laugh

"The Americans have been so high-handed and brutal with French owners of property over which the proposed lines linking the American front with the seaports would pass that American engineers have been forced to have armed guardians to protect them, and the inhabitants are on the verge of open revolt."

Of course this message, printed in Germany and sent by radio to the neutral countries of Europe, was of Prussian origin. Unable any longer to lie completely about Uncle Sam's ability to send troops over to France, the Prussian governing powers are now feeding their credulous subjects fables. Just what they hope to accomplish it is hard to figure.

The American character is well known throughout the world. The American soldier or sailor has never rendered himself obnoxious to any friendly people. He has always made friends wherever he went, by his good behavior, his kindliness, his quality of being a good fellow. It was so in Cuba. It was so in the Philippines. It is so in France.

Every picture that has come back, every letter from Pershing's men "over there," has shown our soldiers surrounded by smiling French women and children, glad the Yanks have come to resist the Hun's onslaughts. And this is quite in accord with Pershing's orders to his men to remember they were visitors in the house of France,

With these facts in mind one is inclined to laugh at the German stupidity. To put out such yarns merely serves to call the attention both of Germans and neutrals to be proved cases of Prussian maltreatment of natives. It is one of the hideous counts in the indictment civilization has brought against Germany.

Wherever a Germany army is to be found on foreign soil, there are also to be found helpless men, women and children who have suffered from Prussian brutality. The reverence due to old age, the deference due to women, the tenderness due to innocnt childhooda-Il thee things that mark the American soldier boy, seem to have been left out of the composition of the brutes who wear the aiser's uniform. Every
In other words, it is said to be the composition of the brutes who wear the aiser's uniform.

The German fable department has put out a perfect picture of conditions in France-only it is the Huns, whom the French populace bitterly hate.

Yes, Phoebe, the conspiracy contagion is spread by the germ un-American

Teachers of French are enjoying a great boom in business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business and Frank A Marsen husband or sweetheart return from the trenches and say something she can't understand.

Older Than the Law.

Thy soil, and moc'd thy grief for aye, O sadden'd France?

May, 1916. Unconquer'd France, the lightning's glance, From mighty guns that ever play, The shells' herce blast new horrors cast-The dance of death holds ceaseless sway, O'er foes of France.

May, 1917. O noble France, the dawn's advance, Is heralding the perfect day, Each setting sun will see the Hun, Still backward move his columns gray, From sunny France.

After. Triumphant France, thy children dance From Deadman's Hill to fair Calais, Thy flocks and herds, the songs of birds Seem echoing the Marseillaise, Throughout all France.

Beloved France, no fate nor chance, Can stay thy steps up fame's highway, Thy sword and pen, the souls of men, Shall ever free from war's dread sway, Immortal France.

-Thomas H. Herndon.

IF HE'S GOING TO MAKE THE HILL WITH THAT LOAD





New York, Nov. 5,-George Jean Na han, the critic, gourmet and Broadbusting into print. There appeared recently a biography of Nathan in a little pamphlet that was widely cir-It was the work of Owen Hatteras and the trail of Hatteras, it is said, young writer who has proved a devilmay-care reviewer, writer of pale
lyrics and a bravo of the printed page.
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galleries of theaters are no longer filled with newsboys because all of the
newsboys are now theatrical managers. Since 1991 he has loved severteen different girls. Of the a venteen,
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other day a New York woman bought a puppy from her. That night a burglar started to enter the woman's apartment. The puppy barked and brought the janitor, The police caught the burglar. Question: Are dogs a nuisance? dogs a nuisance?

sas, exclaimed; "By God, you ought to stand here and support the flag and the President and help bring wictory to American arms."

Sas, exclaimed; "By God, you ought the flag that the

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR. By John Kendrick Bangs.

(Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newsympet Syndionte.) THORNS AND ROSES. thorn had I that pierced my side, A thorn whose hurt ran deep, whose

trought suffering to flesh and pride,

Yet when its hurt ran deepest, then Amid the pressure of its woes Down in the hearts of fellow-men I sought and truly found-the ros

The rose of human sympathy, The rose of loving heed and care and now whatever thorns there be 1 know the roses too are there.

Army and Navy News Best Service Column in the City

Apparently the "Star Spangled Banner" has no been married and divorced and the clearms to soothe the savage Teuton breast.

Working with one eye on the clock and the other on work is not the worst thing. One can keep both eyes on the clock.

Be your own food-price regulator by refusing to deal with profiteering grocers.

Teachers of French are enjoying a great boom in business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business just now. No woman is going to have her business in the marked and divorced and the restnance of the avenues, fourteen are happily married, one has been married and divorced and the restnance of the content of the savenues, fourteen are happily married, one has been married and divorced and the restnance of the content of the serion, and to the fact that as a separate measure it might fines seion, and to the fact that as a separate measure it might that can be sell through as a separate returned to parliament. He is a real cellence.

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He is free of adenoids and his knee her completed and the work will continue, including football, track, softly, he wears pongee pajamas.

Three young men constitute the Musical Comedy Trust in Gotham.
They are the great American TriumThey are the great American Triumthey are the great American Triumthey are the great American Trium-Three young man constitute that seed that some of a social affair was made to the low, that some placed about the seed of the

New York's prominent men. Men who have never before felt toe oratorical urge are now proving to be bona-fide members of the Silver Tongued Squad. On Broadway the other night I noticed among others who are stirring up patriotism Augustus Thomas, the playwright; Charles B. Towns, the drug fighter: Irvin Cobb, the writer, and many others of equal fame.

Those who have been asked to speak and cannot are taking advantages of a free school of oratory that has opened up in Carnegie Hell. They are a free school of oratory that has opened up in Carnegie Hall. They are drilled twice daily by a teacher of public speaking and then, of course, they go home and practice before the mirgonian are to be carried on within the men either at the buildings the erected or in nearby communities. It was agreed, however, that no initiations or secret metings of any go home and practice before the mirgonian are to be carried on within the course. the camps; that existing well-recog Mrs. D. D. Dunn, a brilliant New York woman, has made a fortune raising fine dogs for city dwellers. She is the owner of the famous Boston terrier champion, "Some Boy." The orbidden,

Six of Same Family Die When Train Hits Auto

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 5 .- Six family of eight were instantly-kille In closing his exceptation of Sentins afternoon when an automobile in ator LaFollette on the floor of the which they were riding was struck by Senate, Senator Robinson, of Arkuna Terre Haute, Indianapolis and East-



with university teams can be arranged. A series of baseball games have conferring with them sent in the affair—hardly thought of at them out to minimize, if not entire-them o So when Senator Hitchcok rose

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The Railroad Problem.

these problems will have to be present lved. The railroad situation is them." much better than Congress expected

Potsdam Camouflage in New York By CHARLES T. SEMPERS.

to put responsibility for injury done to the nation. The, Democratic candidate, the

The, Democratic candidate, the creature of Tammany and Hearst, stands a better chance. His pro-Germanism, somewhat camouflaged, makes him acceptable to Potsdam, but not so acceptable as Hillouit. Walsh declared the war "the most but not so acceptable as Hillquit.
The foes of Mitchel, in predicting a big yote for Hillquit, are playing the usual election game. Either the wish is father to the thought, or, more likely, there's a bit of camou-flage in the expression of it. They do not really expect Hillquit to be elected, but any vote diverted from

Mitchel is a gain to Bennet or Hylan. ure that he cannot get enough to elected, but may get enough of feat Mitchel, each hoping to get a plorality.
They are quite right in viewing a rote for Hillquit as wasted. It is

They are cuite right in viewing a cote for Hillquit as wasted. It is to Americans generally that its to Americans generally that its we rerat parties in New York should two regat parties in New York should resort to this insincere advertising of a candidate described by a member of his own race as "seditious," some cialism," is a commonplace of Socialresort to this insincere advertising of a candidate described by a member of his own race as "seditious," some excuse for this kind of camouflage may be found in the insincerity of those who use it. It is for them merely a campaign dodge intended primarily for suckers. They don't expect any one with horse sense to be fooled by it.

But there is little reason for be-lieving that the birthrate of suckers has recently diminished. There is an evident increase among doctrinaire doctr sacifists. And if the prophecies of a big Hillquit vote are realized, an abnormal increase will have to be redited to the people who imagine themselves to be Socialists or social-istically inclined. If these want a good, clear-cut illustration of what a real Socialist is in this time of world who has just been triumphantly elected to the British parliament as a war candidate.

Ben Tillett is not, like Hillquit. *

Candidate.

Ben Tillett is not, like Hillquit. a real workingman. At the age of 8 he went to work in a brickyard. At 11 he served on a fishing smack; he was apprenticed to a shoemaker; joined the navy, was invalided; made several voyages as a sailor; settled at the Docks. Organized the Dockers' linion and led the great strike of like they were in the Senate the day Pershing was made general and when heads of the various burgaus of the War Department were elevated to major generalships, there will be some sharp victories recorded there for Old Glory.

This is what Senator Warren thinks and so do others, who sat still there that day, but who were very much alert to what was going on every moment of the brief time it took to execute the movement.

Senator Hitchcock, acting head of the Senate Hitchcock, acting head of the senate Military Affairs Comparity. Since the war began Ben Tillett is not, like Hillquit. a release workingman. At the age of 8 he went to work in a brickyard. At 11 he served on a fishing smack; he was apprenticed to a shoemaker; joined the navy, was invalided made as a sailor; settled at the Docks. Organized the Dockers' living and elected from both having zone there to assist strikers. At a Socialist congress before the workingmen in all the countries in Annerica just as much as any other Americans. To introduce into the metropolis the German inspired impossible Socialist vagaries which have prossible Socialist vagaries which have prossible socialist prouse the workingmen in all the countries in an Socialist of war, that the workingmen in all the countries in an Socialist of war, that the workingmen in all the countries in an Socialist wagaries which have prossible socialist vagaries on with Bryan's Bryan, for his, gave up the highest office in the land next to the Presidency. Hillquit as a general

Female Labor Increase.

was therefore 4,538,000, a figure large chough to bring Congress to a redoubt, to all of the railway line in alization of what the possibilities are, if not the actual demands in this country. This incursion of female labor into new and untried fields is a revolution, of course, but t will be less revolutionary in this all the materials and suppli-

participation of this country in the quately maintaining the properties great conflict abroad. Many steps of the railways. Difficult as the of a more indirect nature were not problem is of moving all of the traftaken, largely because the prob- fic which is coming to us, even more

Bernhardi, in his now famous or Socialist who cannot be fooled by infamous book, said that German-Potsdam intrigue into becoming its Americans were useful in American tool. Like Tillett the best elements politics-useful not, of course, to the in the Socialist ranks of America nation to which they swore alpointes—used in the socialist ranks of America legiance, but to the schemes of pandermanism. That Potsdam was taking a hand in American politics years before the war began is now well known. In the New York mayoralty contest tomorrow Potsdam is primarily interested in the defeat of Mayor Mitchel, who stands squarely for the national administration. Accordingly the election of any of the other candidates will please Berlin, in varying degrees.

As there is no very general expectation that the Republican candidate can win, he could probably best serve his party, his country and himself by withdrawing, which will not be likely to do. His candidacy, however, may end his political career. For the people of his city, State, and nation will know where to put responsibility for injury done to the nation. president of the new political organi-gration. In its declartion of princi-gation. In its declartion of princimask from those who in the nar

ministration. "A traitor to his country," said Gompers, "Is upon a par with the scab to his trade."

Why is not Hillquit with this group of Socialists and laborites? He is intelligent enough, but he telligent enough, but he is primarily a politician. He has made the mis-Mitchel is a gain to Bennet or Hymn.

Both Republicans and Tammany regard votes for Hillquit as thrown
away. Every vote they cannot get
they want thrown away, and Hillquit
they want thrown away and they want thrown a want to want to want they want th is their choice for wasted votes. They Socialist party he has falled at the critical moment to see what clear-headed Socialists like Spargo, and inborites like Gompers, and indeed in-borites the world over perceive, that this war is labor's colden enportunity

democratic war ever

But there is little reason for height the prejudices of race, religion Samuel Untermeyer, a Jew, speak-

ophecies of a ing to Jews at a meeting in the interest of Hylan, said it was a matter who imagine its or social if the catastrophe of the election of a seditious Jew as mayor of New York real Socialist is in this time of world a proscription of the Jewish race as the proscription of

country than it was in England, and preparations should be made by Congress to bring it about in such a way that no great effects follow the employment of women in the new lines.

The Railroad Problem. The Railroad Problem.

The war Congress' work was featured by the direct steps taken for cult form with the problem of adelems which arise internally on account of our participation in war
had not come to a head during the
first few months.

During the regular session many

enable us to continue to handle the enormous business with

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